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[11](#). (U) Classified by Ambassador Marcelle M. Wahba,  
Reasons 1.5 (B) and (D).

[12](#). (C) During a 1/14 meeting with MFA Minstate Hamdan Bin  
Zayid Al-Nahyan (other topics reported septel), the  
Ambassador pressed Hamdan and MFA Assistant Undersecretary  
Abdullah Rashid Al-Nuaimi on the need to jumpstart the

export controls training initiatives put on hold since October 2002. She noted that this issue was center stage during the Bilateral Dialogue and that we were eager to move forward as soon as possible. She hoped that the UAEG could schedule the WMD Commodity Identification Course in February.

13. (C) Hamdan briefed that the MFA had run up against roadblocks in the UAE "interagency" process and had been unable to recruit the high quality of attendees merited for this training. Hamdan wants to avoid a potentially embarrassing situation if the wrong candidates are put forward for training. He has decided to take up the matter at the next Cabinet meeting, scheduled for 1/27, where he will recommend the formation of a Cabinet-level committee to manage the portfolio. Through this mechanism, Hamdan hopes to achieve "buy-in" from his ministerial colleagues.

14. (C) Comment: Hamdan and his subordinates at the MFA are clearly frustrated by the bureaucratic inertia which has impeded progress on our bilateral EXBS agenda. Previously the Ministry of Economy and Commerce was deemed responsible for federal-level customs issues (a key element in the planned EXBS training road-map) and did a lackluster job organizing a program for a visiting USG team on "Trade-Based Money Laundering." By bumping export controls up to the Cabinet level, Hamdan is placing the issue on the national/federal agenda, where it rightly belongs, given its importance to our relationship and the UAE's national security.

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